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Soviet Troops at the Schweinrich Troop Training Grounds

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1. On 3 August 1951, a convoy of 80 motor vehicles, lead by sedan [REDACTED] passed through Zechlin (N 54/U 31) and proceeded toward Neuruppin. Three trucks of the convoy were numbered [REDACTED] Each truck in the convoy was occupied by about 20 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, and ten trucks mounted AA machine guns. The air raid alarm was sounded south of Zechlin, whereupon vehicles and troops went into cover. The troops practiced firing with all their weapons at an imaginary aircraft. In the evening of the same day, the convoy was seen moving toward Schweinrich from the direction of Kyritz.

2. A tank, which needed repairs, was loaded at the Dranse railroad station on 7 August by 5 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. The soldiers had come to the station, and subsequently departed toward Schweinrich, on truck [REDACTED] 25X1C

3. Sixteen T-34 or T-34/85 tanks were seen moving from the north-western corner of the Dranse Lake toward the troop camp on 7 August. The tanks drove about 30 meters apart, with their hatch covers closed. *

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